

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1170

To amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to establish a grant program to encourage the development of new assistive technologies for specially adapted housing.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. BUYER) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to establish a grant program to encourage the development of new assistive technologies for specially adapted housing.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING ASSISTIVE**
4 **TECHNOLOGY GRANT PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 21 of title 38, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing new section:

1 **“§ 2108. Specially adapted housing assistive tech-**
2 **nology grant program**

3 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall carry
4 out a program to make grants to encourage the develop-
5 ment of new assistive technologies for specially adapted
6 housing.

7 “(b) APPLICATION.—A person seeking a grant under
8 the program under this section shall submit to the Sec-
9 retary an application for the grant in such form and man-
10 ner as the Secretary shall specify for purposes of the pro-
11 gram.

12 “(c) GRANT FUNDS.—

13 “(1) AMOUNT.—The amount of each grant
14 awarded under the program under this section shall
15 be an amount of not more than \$200,000 per year.

16 “(2) TIME OF AWARD.—The Secretary shall
17 award a grant under the program under this section
18 not later than October 1 of each year in which the
19 Secretary carries out the program.

20 “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A person awarded a grant
22 under the program under this section shall use
23 amounts under the grant to develop assistive tech-
24 nologies for use in specially adapted housing.

25 “(2) PATENTS.—If a person awarded a grant
26 under the program under this section is awarded a

1 patent related to assistive technology developed with
2 amounts under the grant, the Secretary shall retain
3 not less than a 30 percent interest in such patent.

4 “(e) REPORT.—Not later than March 1 of each year,
5 the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report containing
6 information related to each grant awarded under the pro-
7 gram under this section in the preceding year, including—
8 “(1) the name of the grant recipient;
9 “(2) the amount of the grant; and
10 “(3) the goal of the grant.

11 “(f) FUNDING.—From amounts appropriated to the
12 Department for Medical Services for each fiscal year,
13 \$2,000,000 shall be available for each such fiscal year for
14 the purposes of the program under this section.”.

15 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
16 at the beginning of chapter 21 of title 38, United States
17 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“2108. Specially adapted housing assistive technology grant program.”.

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